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SUBJ: NAMIBIA: PRESS STATEMENT AND CONTINGENCY GUIDANCE

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1. FOLLOWING IS DRAFT TEXT OF ANNOUNCEMENT, CONCERNING PROXIMITY TALKS ON NAMIBIA, TO BE MADE ORALLY TO PRESS IN NEW YORK DATE TO BE DETERMINED (REFTEL). TEXT HAS

BEEN APPROVED BY CONTACT GROUP AD REFERENDUM TO CAPITALS:

"IN CONTINUANCE OF THEIR GOVERNMENTS' EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE AN INTERNATIONALLY ACCEPTABLE SETTLEMENT OF THE NAMIBIAN QUESTION CONSISTENT WITH SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 385, THE FOREIGN MINISTERS OF CANADA, FRANCE, THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, THE UNITED KINGDOM, AND THE UNITED STATES WILL BE HAVING TALKS IN NEW YORK ON FEBRUARY 10 AND 11 WITH THE INTERESTED PARTIES. THESE TALKS WILL BE PRECEDED BY PREPARATORY TALKS AT THE OFFICIAL LEVEL ON FEBRUARY 8 AND 9."

- 2. FOLLOWING IS DRAFT CONTINGENCY PRESS GUIDANCE PREPARED BY CONTACT GROUP:
- Q. WHO ARE "THE INTERESTED PARTIES"?

A. OVER A PERIOD OF MONTHS THE FIVE GOVERNMENTS HAVE HAD DISCUSSIONS WITH SWAPO, SOUTH AFRICA, AND THE UN. THE UPCOMING TALKS WILL BE HELD IN THE CONTEXT OF CONTINUING THOSE DISCUSSIONS.

- Q. WHY ARE THE TALKS BEING HELD AT THE FOREIGN MINISTER LEVEL?
- A. THE LEVEL IS AN INDICATION OF THE IMPORTANCE OUR GOVERNMENTS ATTACH TO THESE TALKS.

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 $\mathbf{Q}.$ WILL THE FIVE GOVERNMENTS BE PUTTING FORWARD PROPOSALS DURING THE TALKS?

A. YES. LEONARD

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